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23rd November 1917.

His Highness directs me to say, in reply to your letter of the 22nd Instant forwarding a note on the subject of an alternative proposal regarding your future services in the State, that he does not think the arrangement which you propose would work well in practice. The spirit which has prompted you to offer your services to the State in an honorary capacity is none the less deeply appreciate by His Highness.

I have got a message to communicate to you from His Highness regarding the letter which you have written to him. I shall do it when you come down here as it is not easy to put in writing all that has to be said in respect of it.

Jm 23/11

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,

Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore.